



United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region I
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Date: February 18, 1999
Subject: Former American Glue and Resin Removal Site
Middleton, Massachusetts
From: Gilberto Irizarry, OSC, EPA Region I
To: See Attached Distribution List
POLREP Number: 2
Site Id No. 016K
Response Authority: CERCLA
NPL Status: Not Listed
Start Date: December 23, 1998
Completion Date: N/A

I. Site Information

The Former American Glue and Resin site (the Site) at 40 School Street, in Middleton, Essex County, Massachusetts is a former glue manufacturing facility which consists of an unoccupied single-story concrete block building of approximately 10,000 square feet on a parcel of approximately 3.2 acres. Manufacturing operations ceased in the early 1990's. In September 1998, EPA and representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) identified approximately 500 labeled and unlabeled drums inside the unoccupied facility. Most of the drums appeared to be in very deteriorated condition and some were observed leaking contents on to the concrete floor.

For additional background information, please see POLREP No. 1.

II. Response Activities

Week of 4 January 1999

EPA OSC Gilberto Irizarry and ERRS contractor Response Manager (RM) Dan Hackett conducted a walk-through of the site to prepare for removal activities. OSC Irizarry met with Town officials and RM Hackett to discuss plans for the site and access to the building to allow for temporary setup of office space.

Week of 11 January 1999

START member Stephen Amirault and the ERRS crew mobilized to the Site. The ERRS crew consisted of RM Hackett, one foreman and four response technicians. Initial activities included setting up the office area in the southwestern section of the Site building, and establishing telephone, electrical power and office equipment services. In addition, the ERRS crew established Site work zones and began drum segregation and staging operations inside the building to allow for drum sampling.

On Thursday, 14 January 1999, a trailer truck located in the northeast section of the property was removed from the Site by a salvage company contracted by the owner of the property.

On Friday, 15 January, ERRS Transport and Disposal Coordinator Barry Taggart was on Site to discuss sampling and analytical requirements with OSC Irizarry.

Week of 18 January 1999

ERRS completed installation of electrical service to the Site building. The crew continued segregating and staging of all drums and containers located throughout the building. The ERRS crew also repaired leaks in the roof to minimize water leaking onto the work area.

On Thursday, 21 January, ERRS project accountant Kevin Heron mobilized to the Site.

On Friday, 22 January, a shipment of 208 salvage (overpack) drums was delivered.

Week of 25 January 1999

The crew continued segregating and staging of all drums and containers located throughout the building, and overpacking drums.

On Monday, 25 January, a second shipment of 177 salvage (overpack) drums was delivered.

On Wednesday, 27 January, ERRS crew began drum sampling operations.

III. Costs

Cost Information

	Ceiling	Estimated Expenditure	Balance
ERRS	\$500,000*	\$ 85,000	\$ 115,000
START	75,000	8,500	66,500
Contingency	115,000	0	115,000
EPA	100,000	7,000	95,000
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TOTAL:	\$ 790,000	\$ 100,500	\$ 391,500

* EPA obligated \$200,000 to ERRS.

IV. Next Steps

- 1) Continue gathering and staging of all drums.
- 2) Continue collecting drum samples to perform hazard categorization and laboratory analyses.

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Project: *Ammonia Spill*
+ Resin

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